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## Darken Windows During Blackouts, Panagoulis Urges

Though he commended the "100 per cent cooperation" of Greenbelt residents in last Friday's test blackout, Chief Air-raid Warden George Panagoulis, said Monday that turning off all house lights, the method of blacking out employed by a large majority of people in Greenbelt as well as in other communities, was not that recommended by the Office of Civilian Defense. "Future blackouts," explained Mr. Panagoulis, "will be more frequent as well as more complete." Street lights, automobile lights, and all building lights will be extinguished. "With the possibility of blackouts as often as two or more times a week in view," he continued, "it will be necessary for everyone to make some sort of preparations for darkening windows, rather than turning off lights, in order to continue activities in a normal way."

With the cooperation of 150 of the 200 A. R. P. personnel now serving in Greenbelt, the four-hour Blackout was a distinct success from the standpoint of darkness, said Mr. Panagoulis. Patrolling the entire town were regular and auxiliary police and firemen and air-raid wardens. Aircraft spotters, said Mr. Panagoulis, while part of the Civilian Defense set-up, are under the supervision of the Army and not directly concerned with test blackouts. The spotters, he added, are, like other Civilian Defense workers, doing their work well and willingly.

### Drug Store Staying Open

The drug store, which has been closing its doors a half-hour before blackouts occur, will remain open for business during tests as soon as material can be procured for the windows, said George Hodsdon, General Manager of Greenbelt Consumer Service. The beauty shop, also, will arrange to cover its windows as soon as possible.

Other stores—the food store, the valet shop; the variety store, and the barber shop—probably will continue to close during blackouts, Mr. Hodsdon added, while the theater will remain open as usual.

The next blackout, according to Mr. Panagoulis, will be in the near future, probably within another week. Two new sirens have been ordered by the local Civilian Defense Corps, and if received in time will be used for the coming test, which is expected to start with sirens rather than a previously designated time. The present siren is to be removed from the firehouse and placed on a higher spot, where it can more readily be heard by the entire town. The two new sirens will also be strategically located, said Mr. Panagoulis.

## Measles Epidemic Now Under Control

Although the measles epidemic in Greenbelt is now under control, additional cases may be expected for another month or longer, according to Dr. Joseph Silagy, public health director.

The elementary and nursery schools have resumed activity, but Dr. Silagy warned that precautions are still necessary if the disease is to remain under control. He said that Serum is available and will be administered when necessary. Dr. Silagy added that no new cases of chicken-pox have developed within the past few days.

## Gene Hesse To Report To Marine Corps Monday

Gene Hesse, 6-J Hillside Road, is leaving Monday for duty at Quantico, Virginia, as a Platoon sergeant in the Marines. He will be rifle instructor.

Mr. Hesse is well known for his work with the Gun Club and the Health Association. Mrs. Hesse will remain in Greenbelt.

## Increased Personnel Being Sought By Administration

The Greenbelt Administration office has applied for additional personnel to supplement its present staff of 13 members, it was announced Monday by Town Manager Roy Braden, and plans are being drawn for a proposed enlargement of the office building. The specific personnel needed, according to Mr. Braden, are two stenographers in the office, and on the outside, janitors, utility firemen, landscapers, electricians, and a plumber.

Appointments should be made shortly, said Mr. Braden, as soon as the applications have gone through the Civil Service Commission. One addition to the office staff has already been made. Fred Ryerse, formerly in the Washington office for Greenbelt tenant selection, is now assisting Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer as family aid.

No action having been taken by the Farm Security Administration on former applications for a new office building, plans are now being drawn up which would extend the office building over the food store, supplying enough offices to accommodate the present staff, together with the accounting department and defense housing tenant selection office, which are now housed in separate buildings throughout town. On being asked when action would be taken on this and the rumored construction of an additional 1000 houses in Greenbelt, Mr. Braden advised that any construction other than that already sanctioned by Farm Security would probably await the transfer of all housing developments to Federal Housing Authority, expected shortly.

The new elementary school, plans for which were announced several weeks ago, will probably be finished in time to be used next term, added Mr. Braden. It is expected that bids will be asked for by April 1, and construction started by May 1.

## All Greenbelt Night Tonight

Tonight's the night! Drop your 'nuttin' and come on over to the Elementary School Auditorium to see the third annual "All Greenbelt Night". Among the events of the evening you will be the eye-witness of two solid basketball games played between our own boy's and girl's teams and the Hyattsville basketball teams.

You will also see the Queen of the High School be crowned. Then as an afterthought, you can give to the music of the local "juke-box".

So, don't miss it, because this is the event of the season . . . says our reported.

## Volunteers Needed For Medical Service

Dr. Joseph Silagy local head of the Emergency Medical Service, made an appeal Tuesday for volunteers who hold the standard, advanced, or instructors' certificate in first aid. Others who would like to serve in the Emergency Medical Service unit as nurses' aid, messenger, stretcher bearer, etc., and who are not now assigned to defense jobs, are asked to send their names to Dr. Silagy also.

Equipment for casualty stations and first aid posts are soon to be completed, said Dr. Silagy, and as soon as properly trained persons are assigned to various posts, "practice incidents" will be begun. The local unit, through Dr. Silagy, at a meeting last Saturday requested an appropriation of \$500 from the County unit, of which it is hoped by the local service that most, if not all, will be forthcoming. Disbursement of funds raised for Greenbelt's Civilian Defense Council by the Defense Rally last month has not been completed as yet.

## Increased Acreage Made Available For Garden Plots

Angus MacGregor, Greenbelt's chief gardener, announced Monday that enough gardens will probably be available this year to accommodate everyone interested in raising a garden. Approximately 20 or 30 acres more than last year have been plowed, fertilized, and limed, said Mr. MacGregor, and there is still a surplus of farm land that could be used if necessary. To determine the number who want plots, it was asked that all who are interested contact either Mr. MacGregor or Helen Foley at the Administration office.

In addition to the site of previous gardens, new plots have been allocated for garden use in three locations: on Northway, extended, through the woods, to the back of the hospital; another, beside the airport; and the third, in C block. The new plots are to be used for temporary gardens if possible, said Mr. MacGregor, as it is desirable to keep permanent gardens together. Many former owners of permanent gardens have left Greenbelt, he added, so that any new resident requesting a permanent garden will be given one of those. Permanent gardens begin with plot 51 and end with number 122. Between 600 and 700 plots have been prepared.

In answer to queries as to crops that can be grown locally, Mr. MacGregor said that practically any garden vegetable will grow in this soil. The date of the allotment of gardens will depend, Mr. MacGregor said, on the weather. He explained that the ground must be dry enough, and the weather warm enough, before successful planting can be accomplished. As this varies each year, a definite date cannot as yet be set for issuance of plots.

## Business 'Not as Usual' Co-ops Warned

"Business as usual is not coming back. Either we are going to bring about the distribution of abundance through democratic economic machinery or the people, who will not be thwarted, will turn to the state to do it for them." Murray D. Lincoln, general manager of the Ohio Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and president of The Cooperative League, declared here. Addressing nearly 500 directors and managers of 83 county Farm Bureau Cooperatives, Mr. Lincoln said, "Business in the future is going to be controlled cooperatively or by bureaucracy and in the latter means dictatorship. If cooperators accept the challenge we will build economic democracy—and that will save political democracy."

"We are in the midst of a world wide revolution against scarcity," Mr. Lincoln warned. "The forces of destruction and restriction, the forces that would again enslave us if given a chance, are stepping up pretty fast right now. But co-operative groups are making a greater contribution to the barrier against these forces than most people realize."

The total business of the Ohio Farm Bureau Cooperative Association for 1941 as reported to the annual meeting February 10 and 11 by J. E. Keltner, treasurer of the association, was \$9,979,548, an increase of 37% over 1940. Net savings increased 254% during the year, jumping from \$70,000 in 1940 to more than \$248,000 in 1941.

A. L. Bibbins, general manager of the Cooperative GLF Feed and Seed Services told the co-op executives that the new cooperative feed mill near Cincinnati owned jointly by the Ohio and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperatives and Southern States Cooperatives "is the most modern feed plant in the world." Bibbins urged the building of reserves and members' capital and the expansion of co-op productive enterprise as the greatest opportunity for growth both in services and savings.

## Co-op Officers Stress Urgency In Local Support of Share Drive For Greenbelt Stores Expansion

In order to enable people to make regular payments on shares, the membership committee of Greenbelt Consumer Services last Saturday inaugurated a plan for collection of funds from patrons desiring shares in the cooperative.

Under this plan a representative of G. C. S. is present in the food store on Government pay-day nights, the day following each payday, and on Saturdays. It is planned to continue this method of making collections on shares for an indefinite period.

### Beginning Is Good

Last Saturday's collections were made by Clifford A. Moyer, chairman of the cooperative's membership committee, and Dr. George Treiman, former G. C. S. board member. Both Mr. Moyer and George E. Hodsdon, general manager of G. C. S., expressed satisfaction over the results of the first day's collections.

It was stated that 22 persons made payments totaling \$67.45. "It appears," said Mr. Hodsdon, "that a number of our patrons intend to purchase stock in the cooperative, and they would do so much quicker if some convenience way of making payments—such as the one just begun—is provided."

Officials expressed the hope that all patrons, members and non-members alike, will take advantage of this means of increasing the share capital of the cooperative.

If the expansion program which is being considered is ever realized, it was pointed out, the cooperative must either raise additional share capital or borrow funds from some other source. Officials state that they prefer to raise the money in Greenbelt through the sale of capital stock and pay the interest to the members.

Another need for additional share capital has been created by the large number of members who are moving to other parts of the country as a result of the Government's decentralization program. Several hundred dollars have been required during recent months for the repurchase of shares held by members leaving the community.

The cooperative places no limitations on the repurchase of shares when a member moves from Greenbelt. The minimum shareholding below which withdrawals are disallowed, except for reasons deemed adequate by the board of directors, applies to members continuing their residence in Greenbelt.

### Investment Not Frozen

It was pointed out that no effort is being made to "freeze" the investments of members of the cooperative. The establishment of some policy of limitation was desirable, however, in view of recent requests for the repurchase of patronage return credits for reasons not considered justified, it was said. Many of these requests came from persons who had not invested one penny in cash, it was stated.

Officials maintain that investments in the cooperative should be made as liquid as is consistent with sound business practices. G. C. S. must have sufficient capital on which to operate its eight enterprises and at the same time make regular payments on its indebtedness to Consumer Distribution Corporation.

Statistics on food stores reveal that the owner of such a store must invest at least \$30 per family residing in the area serviced by that business. The eight enterprises owned by Greenbelt Consumer Services should be operated on a share capital investment representing about \$50 per family in this community, it was stated.

When the placing of withdrawal limitations was being considered by the G. C. S. board of directors it was decided to lower the amount to \$30 instead of the \$50 considered desirable. This was done, it was stated, in the hopes that members would realize and fulfill the need for additional investments.

Unlike a private business, it was pointed out, a consumer cooperative is owned and operated by its patrons. It is up to the members to either furnish that

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## George Hodsdon, Manager of Co-op Called to Duty

George E. Hodsdon, general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, has been ordered to report for active duty in the U. S. Army last Friday, the notice instructed him to report at Fort George G. Meade on April 2.

Mr. Hodsdon is a second Lieutenant in the Cavalry Reserve. He has been on the inactive list for the past several years.

Since becoming a member of the G. C. S. staff in November, 1937, Mr. Hodsdon has held the positions of bookkeeper, office manager, and assistant manager, general manager. He was appointed to the latter position in September, 1940.

The order did not come as a complete surprise to him, Mr. Hodsdon said. In view of the number of reserve officers called for duty recently, he has been expecting it.

It is expected that the G. C. S. board of directors will make an announcement within the next week concerning the appointment of someone to replace Mr. Hodsdon.

## Local Gas Station To Close Sundays

Gasless Sundays for Greenbelt are in immediate prospect with an announcement by Greenbelt Consumer Services this week that the service station is restricting its hours of operation still further, in compliance with needs arising from the gasoline shortage.

Only 80 percent of the gasoline sold monthly for the period December through February will be available during March. In accordance with a decision of the Washington Gas Retailers Association the local station will hereafter be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. on week days, and closed all day Sunday.

It is expected that only Greenbelters may be able to buy gasoline at this station in the near future, with an identification tag provided local motorists.

## Nursery School Parents Elect 2 New Officers

Mrs. Ralph Cross and Mrs. Lawrence Fern were elected treasurer and vice-president, respectively, at the regular meeting of the Parents' Board of the Nursery School on Tuesday, March 10. Elected to fill vacancies formed by the resignations of former officers, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Fern will serve until the board's annual elections in May, it was announced by Mrs. John Vachon, president.

A daily schedule of mothers to assist Mrs. Ruth Lebergott, the Nursery School teacher, was worked out as follows: Monday, Mrs. Earl Thomas; Tuesday, Mrs. Charles Fellnagel; Wednesday, Mrs. John Whaley; Thursday, Mrs. Carson Howell; and Friday, Mrs. Ralph Cross.



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## Invest in Yourself

We have been, and still are, asking your support of various worthy causes, such as the Red Cross and the purchase of Defense bonds and stamps. These are necessary investments in our welfare; investments that benefit us through the safety of our country as a whole. While we must aid these causes, we must not forget our own cause here at home, namely our own Greenbelt Consumer Service stores. This organization is composed of you and your neighbors, and right now it is in the midst of a drive to get additional working capital through the sale of shares of stock.

It is a well-known fact that to operate, to improve, build, or to purchase equipment, any business must have what is known as working capital. In some instances this sum can be provided from reserves and funds set up and accumulated for these specific purposes, but in the case of large-scale operations it is usually accomplished by the sale of capital stock. In our case, there is no capital stock. We only have cooperative stock shares, known as: voting, one to a person, non-voting, as many as desired to a person. These are to stocks offered for sale.

With new stores and the expansion of present facilities in the offing, too much stress cannot be placed on the necessity of raising capital. Several possibilities present themselves as a solution to the problem. The first, to borrow the funds. Borrowed money from outside of a cooperative is all right for certain things, but in the case of building it seems that such a step would only saddle the members with another long-term, expensive proposition. They would be barely above the level of a rental agreement with the mortgage holders. Another solution is in the straight rental proposition, such as we now have. This is working fairly well in the present case, but as compared even to a mortgage deal it is not satisfactory, because a straight rental is just money expended and nothing but shelter provided, when the mortgage deal provides ownership for them, if and when. Taking another look at the rental side of the question, we find that another Government-built and owned property such as we now have is a remote possibility, leaving only the private investor, who desires to erect a building and rent the same for speculation and income purposes. Nothing more need be said about that type of arrangement.

This just brings us back to the ideal solution, the investment of the necessary funds by the residents through their shares in the cooperative. We know of no better investment than this, because the success of the business, and the safety of the business, depends entirely upon the owners. Your patronage insures your investment, and in effect you are lending the money to yourself on the grounds that you are a safe investment. Are you?

## The Sales Tax--We Don't Like It

With the cost of our war effort rising automatically the peals of the fat editorial newsboys for "soak the poor" war financing grows louder. This time they are trying to sell Congress the idea of a sales tax. Latest reports from our "reliable" press has it that the "people" are clamoring for a sales tax levy. The National Association of Manufacturers heroically proposes a general sales tax of 8 per cent. It would appear that nothing less than a general sales tax on all sales, food included, is the order of the day. Except for the fact that this form of taxation is unnecessary and undemocratic and represents a convenient means for high income groups to avoid taxation we see nothing wrong with a sales tax.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau in presenting the Administration's tax program condemned a sales tax with the warning that such taxation places the greatest burden on those least able to pay, and his proposal for steeper surtaxes on high incomes was pummeled editorially as "confiscatory" and "un-American".

The choice is not and should not be whether or not the average wage earner ought to contribute to the cost of our arming. Present law income tax exemptions already insure coverage of low families. We submit, however, that taxes and tax rates must be based on the ability to pay. A general sales tax would not only fail to aid our fight against the Axis but materially weaken the largest portion of our

## Calendar of Events

<b>Friday, March 20</b>		
Band Practice	6:30 P. M.	Auditorium
Feeder Band Practice	6:30	Hobby Room
Stringed Orchestra	7:00	Room 123
Fire Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
*Community Church Choir	8:00	1-C Southway
First Aid Class	8:00	Room 225
Hebrew Congregation	9:00	Music Room
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>		
Fire Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Fire House
Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A. M.	Theater
Catholic Mass	9:00	Theater
Community Church Sunday School	9:30	Elementary School
Community Church Service	11:00	Auditorium
L. D. S. Sunday School	11:00	Home Ec. Room
Police Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Pistol Range
Fire Auxiliary	2:00	Fire House
L. D. S. Priesthood	6:30	Home Ec. Room
L. D. S. Service	7:00	Home Ec. Room
Community Church Young Peoples Group	7:00	Elementary School
Community Church High School Group	8:00	18-C Parkway
<b>Monday, March 23</b>		
Girl Scout Troop 26	7:00 P. M.	Room 223
Sewing Class	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Typing and Shorthand	7:30	High School
Home Mechanics	7:30	High School
Police Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Fire Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Motor Corps	7:45	Fire House
Parent-Teachers Association	8:00	Auditorium
Council	8:00	Council Room
First Aid	8:00	Room 225
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>		
First Aid Class	7:30 P. M.	3-H Ridge
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
First Aid Class	8:00	Room 225
*Catholic Choir	8:15	Music Room
L. D. S. Ladies Relief Society	8:30	Home Ec. Room
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>		
First Aid	2:00 P. M.	Music Room
Brownies	3:30	Music Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Girl Scout Troop 15	7:30	2-G Eastway
Girl Scout Troop 18	7:30	Room 223
First Aid	7:45	Room 225
Fire Auxiliary	8:00	Fire House
Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>		
L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00	Music Room
Boy Scout Troop 202	7:00	Hobby Room
Girl Scout Troop 17	7:30	Room 123
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement

### \*Community Church and Catholic Choirs

Organized at the same time the Community Church was founded, the Community Church Choir has been an integral part of Greenbelt life. It has been directed, in turn, by Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. Lydalu Palmer, Fr. Fred Wilde and is now under the leadership of Mr. William Neblett. Mr. Neblett is organist, as well as director of the choir, and is assisted by Mrs. Isabel Herwick. A Vesper Service on Palm Sunday is scheduled by this group of singers, to be followed by special music on Easter Sunday. The Sunday School and Church service for Easter Sunday will have an elaborate musical program. Because of the Defense Council activities in Greenbelt, as well as the general overtime work being done by a number of choir members, the number of singers has been reduced to approximately fifteen. Anyone who is able to read music and would enjoy working under Mr. Neblett's able leadership with this choral group is invited to attend choir rehearsal and become a member of the choir.

The Catholic Choir has worked at a disadvantage since its inception, because of the necessity to use the Theater as a church. In spite of the lack of choir stalls, proper lighting and poor acoustics, this choir has continued to do an admirable job of singing. Directed by Mr. Joseph Bargas during his residence here, it is now being trained by Mr. George desJardin. Feeling that it was entirely capable of handling a mass for Easter, Mr. desJardin's group of singers continued to practice for the mass until the exodus of many Catholics from Greenbelt and the prolonged overtime work of many others so reduced the membership of the choir that it no longer was deemed feasible. Considerably disheartened at the prospect of a "musicless" Easter mass, the choir has finally compromised on appropriate hymns. Knowing the ability of the choir to render beautiful music in spite of many disadvantages, however, those Catholics and non-Catholics who plan to attend the Easter mass will expect the usual good music, and will probably get it.

### \$10 Contest

We chose a certain little article upon which no priorities, Government restrictions, or anything outside of straight manufacture exists. This article previously sold for years for the price of 10 cents. We toured five of the largest department stores in Washington, and four of the leading 10 cent stores were selling this particular article. In the department stores, we find that the article was selling for from 15 to 25 cents, and in the 10 cent stores for 15 cents. Upon questioning the salesperson as to the reason for the price increase, we were informed in each and every case by the salesperson that "government priorities," that this and that, all with the intention of leading you to believe that your government was causing this article to increase in price from 10 to 250 per cent. A check with the wholesale prices discloses that the increase per dozen of this article in the past year has been 10 cents.

This is what we mean when we say that price ceilings on wholesale and manufacturer's costs leaves you entirely at the mercy of the retailer. We repeat: "What do you feel your Government should do to protect the consumer?" Write us your comments, and try to win those \$10 Defense stamps!

population, the people who work in factories and offices. These Americans are already forced to give up all of their income to meet the necessities of life.

From this angle therefore it would seem that the "fat boys" would have much to gain from a general sales tax. We do, however, strenuously object to this "neat" plan.

## Community Church

At the meeting of the officers and teachers of the Church school held Sunday evening it was decided to organize two new classes for the school, one for the boys and girls over high school age but unmarried and the other for the young married women who have been asking for a class for themselves. Mr. J. Tracy Fenby is the teacher of the former group and Mrs. Morton Smith of the latter. These two new classes the School is able to provide for any who wish to attend.

The Junior Choir will be re-organized under the leadership of Mrs. Donald F. Herwick. The first meeting for rehearsal will take place this Saturday March 21, in the music room of the Community Building. The first and second grades will meet at 10 a. m. and the 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will meet at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday evening the regular mid-week meeting for those who cannot attend the Sunday morning service will be held at 8 p. m. This Wednesday the families living at 18 and 20 Ridge Road will be the special guests of the Church, and the officers and teachers of the church school All are invited to these services.

The Junior Church will hold its first separate meeting Sunday afternoon at Five o'clock in the music room. Mrs. Donald Herwick will be in charge of the music and play the piano. Mr. Johnston will deliver the sermon and the Church will be formerly organized.

Friday March 20, the Senior Choir of the church will meet for rehearsal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Neblett, 1-C Southway.

"Who is your God"? will be the subject upon which the Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

## Hebrew Congregation

Hebrew Congregation services will be held tonight at 9 p. m. in the music room of the Elementary School.

The Ladies Auxiliary held a meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Nettie Steinman.

Any person desiring information about the Sunday School or the Congregation may contact President Bernard Trattler, phone 3562.

## Boys' Club Fighters Reach Semi-Finals In A. A. U. Bouts

Joe McLaughlin, 200-pound heavyweight of the Prince Georges County Police Boys' Club, lead three of his teammates into the final rounds of the District A. A. U. tournament last Friday night with a smashing, sensational 20-second knockout over his opponent, Bill Barber, of the Apollo Club, Washington.

The surprising affair which featured Friday night's bouts, lasted exactly 20-seconds, including the 10 during which Barber lay on his back in a tumbled heap while Referee Eddie LaFond counted him out. The strapping McLaughlin's terrific punch climaxed a victorious evening for the Prince Georges Boys.

Earlier, Jimmy Caraway, a fighting midget from Capital Heights, successfully weathered a bruising bout to win the decision over Win McCafferty of the National Training School, thus assuring himself a final go for the championship in the 112-pound class in the finals of March 27. The third man of the 8-man Police Boys' team reaching the tournament finals was Dominick Maravaso, also of Capital Heights.

For the first time a special rooting section of Prince Georges boys were on hand to cheer the Police Boys fighters as they went into action. These boys, all outstanding members of the Police Boys units, were chosen in groups of four from each of the many units of the Club and furnished free tickets and transportation to the fights by Club authorities in recognition of their work in their respective units.

Rural electrification is causing some confusion in places as indicated when Mrs. Jones said to her cook the other day: "Mandy, I smell something burning. Did you pull the switch when you finished ironing, as I told you?" "assum," replied Mandy, "I pulled it one time like you told me—and then I pulled it again to make sure!"



## OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

If you understood the first paragraph of this column last week (I'm taking it for granted that some of you read it) you were definitely in the minority. It seems that in the process of printing, a line was mislaid, utterly disrupting what continuity had originally been present. Maybe our printer had spring fever. If so, he's excused.

"High School Chatter," the interesting resume of local teen-age activities, so saucily handled by Joan McNamara, will no longer brighten these pages, as Miss McNamara has taken a position with the British Air Mission in Washington. Since she intends to complete her high school education at night school, it will be impossible for her to cover local high school activities. I'm going to miss the "Chatter." How about you?

For the benefit of new families in Greenbelt, The Drug Store has a most helpful service, the Emergency Drug Fund. Any drug or medicine can be purchased on credit, at the extremely small carrying cost of five cents for 15 days, 10 cents for any longer period of time. This is nice to know if the baby gets sick the day before payday!

Saint Patrick's blessings were due Mary Katherine Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Joseph L. Murphy; and Carter "Chip" Hull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hull, both of whom became one year old Tuesday the 17th. I could go into a fake brogue, but since I don't do that so well I'll just say "Happy birthday, and many more of them."

Visiting with the M. Terkeltaubs these past few days are Staff Sergeant S. F. Brooks, U. S. Marine Corps, and his wife Fritz. Sergeant Brooks has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Research Laboratories at Anacostia.

An interesting job, and one that will help in emergencies, awaits you in the local Emergency Medical Unit. See news story on another page for details. Maybe if we'd all buy more postage stamps at the local post-office we'd get home delivery of mail by July. It seems that the way sales run now, even with the addition of the new families here the total sales figure by that time won't be high enough unless a sharp increase is shown. In fact, figures show that they will probably be around \$200 short. If each family could buy around a quarter's worth of extra stamps before that time, it should be taken care of. You can always use stamps. (Oh, if only chain letters weren't illegal!)

That's all, until next week.

If all of the 35,000,000 homes in the United States were situated on 30-foot lots on both sides of one Main street, the thoroughfare would have to be about 100,000 miles long—sufficient to girdle the earth four times around the equator; or stretch almost 34 times across the country, says the Census.

## How to Plan Meals During Wartime

By VIANNA BRAMBLETT

Now that we are in a state of national emergency, a big problem for the home-maker is to provide a well-rounded diet for her family, on a small budget. Forgetting vitamins, calories, etc., for the moment, here is what should be included in our daily diets:

**Milk:** one quart daily per child, and one pint daily per adult. Fresh or canned.

**Vegetables and Fruits:** Five servings daily—one of potatoes; one of raw vegetable; one of a citrus fruit, tomatoes or cabbage; one leafy, green or yellow vegetable; and one other fruit or vegetable.

**Eggs:** 5 to 7 weekly per child; 3 to 4 weekly per adult.

**Meat, Fish, Cheese, Dried Beans or Peas:** One to 2 servings daily.

**Fats:** Two to 3 tablespoons daily per person. At least one tablespoon should be butter.

**Sweets:** Two to 3 tablespoons daily of sugar, molasses, syrup, honey, or jelly. This includes that used in cooking.

**Water:** Four to 6 glasses per child, and 6 to 8 glasses per adult, daily.

### Never Omit Milk

Milk should never be omitted, regardless of how limited the food budget, because of its exceptional food value. No single kind of food

## Apathy Threatens Home Mail Service

By GLEN WILBUR

Although all post offices display the slogan that "nothing can stop these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds", the postmen have been stopped from even making an appearance in Greenbelt by the apathy of Greenbelt citizens.

This problem of mail delivery was discussed again at the meeting of the Town Council last Monday when Town Manager Roy S. Braden pointed out that present figures indicate that the local post office will fall slightly short of the \$10,000 volume which it must attain by July 1, 1942 in order for the town to have home delivery of mail. The town is of more than adequate size to insure a sufficient sale of stamps, postal cards, envelopes, and rentals of boxes, but many citizens make these purchases from other post offices, near their offices.

It appears that less than \$200 of increased sales is all that is needed to insure the delivery of mail directly to homes. Failure to achieve this goal will delay the addition of this service by at least a year.

## Dr. Henry Brechbill Will Address PTA

By KATHRYN WOOD

Opportunities for using visual education in the school program will be the theme of Dr. Henry Brechbill of the University of Maryland when he speaks to the Greenbelt Parent-Teacher Association March 23, at 8 p. m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

Groups of children will take part in the first half of the program when the activity clubs, through which defense work is being worked out as a part of regular skills and learning, will demonstrate their work by means of exhibits set up in the auditorium. Several children from each club will explain their plans and purpose and display samples of their work. The children will also add a group of songs as a musical background. Mrs. Samuel Houlton will be in charge of the program, and refreshments will be served.

It has been announced that Mrs. Wendell Miller is taking the chairmanship of the legislative committee in the place of Sol Shub, whose work has called him to Chicago.

Mrs. Mildred Parker, acting principal, explained to your reporter that a large collection of lost articles is awaiting identification at school. Galoshes and other articles of wearing apparel are among the unclaimed articles which will be given to a charitable organization if not claimed by Thursday, March 26.

The kindergarten group is making a fine contribution in defense work which includes waste paper and empty tooth paste and shaving cream tubes which they are collecting. Besides this they have made as part of their art work, a most interesting series of drawings giving their own impressions of the importance of buying Defense Stamps and of the work of our soldiers.

has as much to offer. It is an excellent body-building and protective food, particularly rich in necessary minerals. In cheaper diets, evaporated milk may replace part of all of the fresh milk. It furnishes the same nutritive value as fresh milk, is easily digested and is pure. Seventeen ounces of evaporated milk is equivalent to one quart fluid whole milk.

Vegetables and fruits should be served raw and in the skins whenever possible, or if cooked, with little or no water, for as short a time as possible and all juices saved.

Fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of vitamins and minerals, and are regulatory and protective foods. Fruit twice a day is a wise selection. One of these should be oranges or tomatoes which are very high in vitamin C. In deciding what fruits to use the homemaker should select these in season and supplement with dried or canned fruits. Dried fruits are inexpensive and furnish valuable minerals. Prunes, apricots and raisins are very good as a source of iron.

Use at least two vegetables a day other than potatoes. Potatoes, white or sweet, are sources of many required food elements. Leafy, green, and yellow vegetables.

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## Balancing the Budget

By BERTHA MARYN

**Canned Fruits and Vegetables**  
The U. S. Department of Agriculture has established four quality grades or classes for canned fruits and vegetables. Whether the can carries a grade label or not, regardless of the price paid, the brand name, the store where purchase was made, every can of fruit or vegetables can be classified as one of those four grades: A, B, C and below C. The trade names corresponding are Fancy, Extra Standard or Choice, Standard and Substandard.

### What grades signify

Whether A, B, C, or below C, all canned foods marketed in interstate commerce is wholesome and nutritious. Grade C peaches or peas are just as nutritious and just as wholesome and contain as much food value as the Grade A. What then is the difference, asks the consumer? The following explanation of the four grades is taken from a publication of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Service.

### Grade A (Fancy)

"In this grade are fine quality canned fruits and vegetables, carefully selected as to size, color, degree of maturity, and freedom from blemishes. The fruits are meaty, highly colored, and ripe. They are almost always packed in sirup, which may be extra-heavy (very sweet), heavy (somewhat sweet), medium (sweet), or light (slightly sweet), although for certain purposes, the fruit may be packed in water. Grade A canned vegetables are the most tender and succulent forms produced and processed."

### Grade B

(Extra Standard or Choice)  
"The products of Grade B are of excellent quality, though not quite so well selected as to color, size, and maturity as Grade A products. Grade B canned fruits are well-developed and well-colored, and are packed in sirup or water as specified for Grade A. Grade B canned vegetables are not quite so succulent and tender as those of Grade A."

### Grade C (Standard)

"Products in Grade C are of good quality but are not so uniform in color, size and maturity as Grade B products. Grade C canned fruit may not be so highly colored, or so carefully selected as to size, symmetry, and though mature may vary somewhat in ripeness. The fruit may be packed in sirup or water. Grade C vegetables in some cases may have more food value than either Grade A or Grade B as they usually are more fully mature than the products in the higher grades."

### Below Grade C

"Some canned fruits and vegetables that fail to meet the requirements of Grade C in certain respects may be wholesome, nutritious, and acceptable in flavor and if labeled to meet the regulations for such foods as established under the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act may be sold on the retail market."

It is well to remember that the majority of canned fruits and vegetables packed in the United States come under grade C. Unless knowingly you have been buying Grade A, chances are that most of your canned fruits and vegetables have been in the Grade B or C class.

If friend husband invites his boss and wife for dinner, or if you are entertaining your bridge club at a luncheon which you've planned carefully as to color scheme and arrangement and perfection counts—Grade A or Fancy would rule the day, providing, of course you could afford to spend the extra money. However if it's close to pay-day, or it's only your in-laws who are coming to dinner, Grade B (see description) will do just as well as the Grade A.

For everyday use, the family with a low income would be wise in choosing Grade C. By using grade C the family would get the necessary nutrition at a minimum expense. For soups, stews, and casserole dishes, where shape, size or color are not important, Grade C should be used.

## New Babies

Daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Iseli, March 17 (Saint Patrick's Day) at their home in Greenbelt.

Daughter, Margaret Noralyn, born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Rysticken March 12 at Racine, Wisconsin.

Baby boy, born March 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bomberger at Montgomery, West Virginia. The Bombergers are former Greenbelt residents.

## Timely Facts for Consumers

Intelligent Consumption Makes for Better, Happier Living.

### SHOES

1. Buy your shoes for comfortable fit, regardless of size number. Shoes that do not fit injure the feet and are discarded sooner.

2. Stand up when having your feet measured.

3. Be sure the shoe is one-half inch longer than your foot, and wide enough to leave room for your toes without cramping.

4. High-heeled shoes are only for dress occasions. For everyday wear the heels should be  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches high.

5. Buy the best shoes you can afford. It pays in the long run.

### Shoe Care

Make repairs on time. Run-down heels quickly twist the shoe out of shape.

Dry out your shoes. Perspiration is hard on leather. Have at least two pairs of shoes for general wear and alternate them.

Dry shoes slowly. When shoes have been wet, keep them away from hot stoves and radiators.

If you use shoe trees, be sure they fit the shoes.

Polish shoes frequently. Polish not only makes shoes look better but keeps leather pliable and more resistant to water.

### SAVE THOSE TIRES!

In order to get maximum wear out of your tires:

1. Keep tires properly inflated.

2. Drive less than 50 miles an hour.

3. Start and stop gradually. Avoid spinning the wheels and skidding.

4. Keep brakes properly adjusted.

5. Keep valve caps on all tires. This stops valve core rotting.

### NO MORE BLEACH

That chlorine bleach which housewives use to get their clothes dazzling white won't be available much longer. Domestic use of chlorine bleaches has been entirely prohibited by a WPB order and laundries are restricted to one-tenth of their usual quantities. Well, our mothers used sunshine instead of chlorine and there won't have to be any limit on that.

### FLASHLIGHTS

Don't wait for a black-out to get your flashlights in shape. An old flashlight can often be rehabilitated, with new batteries, bulb, or other parts.

Don't stock up with batteries; they lose power with age. Buy only as your light dims.

Heat, also moisture, reduces the life of the battery. Keep flashlight in cool, dry place.

When buying a flashlight, be sure the batteries are fresh. Buy a standard flashlight; avoid novelty or freak flashlights such as pencil affairs, and flashlights concealed in compacts, as they are not economical and batteries are not so easy to get.

Small lights which use one or two regular-size batteries are preferable to big, powerful ones, because the latter use up materials needed in defense, give unnecessarily powerful light, and cost more in upkeep. "De luxe" cases and focusing features are not essential and cost more.

Make sure the bulb in the flashlight you are buying is not high-current type, as this will drain the batteries more quickly.

Each adult member of the family should have a flashlight and know where it is.

### SAVE THE RUBBER

Rubber is scarce; take care of it.

Heat deteriorates rubber. Don't leave rubber articles in sunlight, near a radiator or stove, or in a warm closet or attic. Dry at normal room temperature. Keep in basement during summer.

Any form of oil is bad for rubber. Wipe off boots with moist rag. Don't use cleaning fluids on rubber.

Don't hang rubber hose on a nail; it causes rubber to bend sharply and eventually break.

Literary commercialism is lowering the intellectual standard to accommodate the purse and to meet a frivolous demand for amusement instead of for improvement. Incorrect views lower the standard of truth.—Mary Baker Eddy

## DINNER'S READY



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HAPPY JOHNNY AND HIS GANG—Station WBAL, 12:20 to 12:30 noon, Monday through Friday.



## Co-op-Coal Case To Supreme Court

The United States Supreme Court is going to be asked to decide whether the Bituminous Coal Division of the Department of the Interior has the authority, under the Guffey coal law, to outlaw the Midland Cooperative Wholesale.

The Cooperative League of the USA, in cooperation with Midland, has voted to make the final test before the highest court. Daniel C. Rogers, attorney for Midland in this case, is preparing a petition to the Supreme Court in which he will ask the Court to review the recent findings of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis. If the Supreme Court grants Rogers' petition, the consumer cooperatives will have an opportunity to again argue their case in briefs and in oral arguments.

The Appeals Court decided the Bituminous Coal Division had authority in the law to reject Midland's application for a license to act as a wholesale distributor of coal. The Bituminous Coal Division acted about nine months ago to reject Midland's application and thereby to confiscate Midland's wholesale coal business which then had a value of at least \$50,000. Profit wholesale dealers were joined by the profit retail dealers in supporting the Coal Division in taking this action.

The Appeals Court decided, as did the Coal Division, that if a cooperative distributor returned any savings to its retail cooperatives, the distributor would violate the fair trade sections of the Act which prohibit the granting of rebates "in any form or by any device."

Rogers will now attempt to have the Supreme Court support his contention that "patronage dividends" are not "rebates", that they are not unsocial or bad practices which the law attempts to reach, but that on the contrary, Congress has repeatedly approved of the cooperative principle of restoring savings to consumers.

This case, incidentally, is a striking example of the difficulty, if not the absurdity of attempting to regulate all kinds of commercial transactions by government and by law. The issue involved in this case is a very simple one which could be presented and decided by cooperative processes in a few hours. But, notwithstanding the simplicity of the issue, the case has now been before the Coal Division and the Courts for more than a year, and at great expense to consumers.

## One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of March 21, 1941.)

Dr. Sigerist, Dr. Mott, and other medical experts participated in a health conference here—A cooperative nursery completed its plans for opening April 1—Mary Lowe was crowned queen at the high school Aall-Greenbelt Night—Sherrod East announced a forum "Is the U. S. Prepared for Total War?" sponsored by the Citizens Association....Blood-typing of local citizens was resumed under the direction of H. V. Letke-mann.

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## How to Plan Meals

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tables are especially good; there should be a daily serving of one of these vegetables and four or five times a week one should be served raw.

**The Canned Article Often Excels**—One of the most economical and convenient ways for the homemaker to obtain fruits and vegetables is to buy them canned in the grade which corresponds to the use for the food. The nutritive value is just as good as the fresh, and may be better if the fresh food is not properly cooked.

Breads, cereals and flours are not only cheap energy foods but are important for body-building too, and those made from whole grain or enriched flours are valuable for some of the vitamins and for iron as well. Bulk cornmeal, oatmeal and rice are among the cheapest forms in which to

buy cereals.

Eggs are a valuable part of the diet. They are primarily a body-building food, but the yolk is also a good source of vitamins and minerals.

**Meats:** It is well to remember that the less expensive cuts of meat furnish as much nutritive value as the higher priced ones and must be most frequently used in the economy diet. Good meat substitutes are fish, cheese, peanuts, dried beans and peas. These foods are rich in body-building material and may be used as the main dish in place of meat two or three times a week.

### Butter Is Valuable

**Fats:** All cooking and table fats and fatty foods are good heat and energy suppliers. Butter is the most valuable fat in the diet as it is in addition an excellent source of vitamin A.

Sweets, such as molasses,

sorghum, and corn syrup are good substitutes for sugar and give in addition to energy some of the necessary iron and calcium.

### Buy Protective Foods First

Whatever the food budget, nutrition authorities agree that the best economy consists in buying first the protective foods, namely, milk, and milk products, fruits and vegetables, and whole grain cereals. Insufficient amounts of the nutritive elements supplied by these foods will cause certain deficiency diseases. By using more of these protective foods, which will supply the vitamins and minerals in amounts above the minimum requirements, a greater degree of good health, vitality and resistance will be maintained.

## Co-op Officers

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capital through the purchases of shares or permit borrowing at high interest rates. Members receive interest on their investments. In the case of Greenbelt Consumers Services, members not only receive a 5 per cent interest dividend on their stock but they also receive patronage refunds on their purchases, a spokesman emphasized. The latter amount is determined on the basis of the net profit of the cooperative.

The patron who owned 10 shares in G. C. S. and turned in \$500 worth of patronage slips for 1941 was credited with \$5 for interest and \$7.50 for patronage refunds, a total of \$12.50.

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